

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Original) A composite material forming a strap for restraining freight, the material comprising:
  - a. a first layer comprising a plurality of strands comprising yarn having an elongation characteristic within the range of about 2.5 percent to about 4.7 percent before breaking and a creep of less than about 2 percent after elongation; and
  - b. a second layer of non-woven fabric comprising a substrate attached to the first layer.
2. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a spunbonded, polyester, nonwoven fabric.
3. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, further including a portion having a third layer comprising an adhesive substance positioned between the first layer and the second layer.
4. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of strands of yarn in the first layer is positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the second layer and side-by-side and together formed into woven fabric.

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5. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, further comprising a releasable adhesive layer located on at least a portion of an outer surface of the composite material for attachment to a surface of a transportation vehicle.

6. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, further including at least one finger edge positioned on at least a portion of a length of the composite material.

7. (Original) The composite material of claim 6, wherein the first layer has a width less than a width of the second layer and the at least one finger edge is formed by positioning the first layer equidistant between a bottom edge of the second layer and a top edge of the second layer.

8. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein the first layer and second layer collectively comprise about 0.017 inches in thickness and about 8 inches in width.

9. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, further comprising at least one reinforcement strap coupled to the composite material forming a strap and positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.

10. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein the yarn has a denier of about 1500.

Claims 11-40 (Cancelled).

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41. (New) A composite material forming a strap for restraining freight, the material comprising:

a. a first layer comprising a plurality of strands comprising yarn having a denier within the range of about 1000 to 1500 and a creep of less than about 2 percent after elongation; and

b. a second layer of non-woven fabric comprising a substrate attached to the first layer.

42. (New) The composite material of claim 40, wherein the substrate is a spunbonded, polyester, nonwoven fabric.

43. (New) The composite material of claim 40, further including a portion having a third layer comprising an adhesive substance positioned between the first layer and the second layer.

44. (New) The composite material of claim 40, wherein each of the plurality of strands of yarn in the first layer is positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the second layer and side-by-side and together formed into woven fabric.

45. (New) The composite material of claim 40, further comprising a releasable adhesive layer located on at least a portion of an outer surface of the composite material for attachment to a surface of a transportation vehicle.

46. (New) The composite material of claim 40, further including at least one finger edge positioned on at least a portion of a length of the composite material.

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47. (New) The composite material of claim 46, wherein the first layer has a width less than a width of the second layer and the at least one finger edge is formed by positioning the first layer equidistant between a bottom edge of the second layer and a top edge of the second layer.

48. (New) The composite material of claim 40, wherein the first layer and second layer collectively comprise about 0.017 inches in thickness and about 8 inches in width.

49. (New) The composite material of claim 40, further comprising at least one reinforcement strap coupled to the composite material forming a strap and positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.